The Daily Courant.

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From the Paris Gazette, dated June 23.

Madrid, June 5.

BY Letters from Badajox of the 25th of May we have Advice, that our Army was encamp'd at Bardeças. The Enemy, who at first had possess'd themselves of an Eminence, where they threw up Intrenchments, were come down into the Plain securing their Right by the River Caynela, and extending their Left to the Caya, which likewise defends their Front. The Marquis de Bay having Advice of all their Motions, caus'd his Army to pass the Jevora by the Bridge that lies over that River, in order to approach the Enemy, having with him 12 Field pieces. One of their Parties of 50 Horse pass'd the Caya, with design to sieze an advanc'd Guard that was retiring: Collonel Don Antonio de Leyva advancing with 12 Troopers as if he intended to favour their Retreat, made a Feint of running away; and soon after Facing about, defeated the Portuguese Party, killing 10 of them, and taking 8 Prisoners, but the rest escap'd with the Officer who commanded the Party. The King to recompence the Fidelity of the Inhabitants of the Town of Sos in Arragon, has given it the Title of most Loyal and Victorious, confirming the Privilege formerly granted them by the King Don Juan, whereby all the Inhabitants are *Infanzones*, that is to say, Gentlemen. He has farther granted that the Town shall be the Capital of five others, that depend upon it, that the Employments and Benefices shall be given to those of that Country; together with some other Privileges. Our Letters from the Army in Estremadura of the first of this Month advise, that the Marquis de Bay having pass'd the Jevora, that divides Spain from Portugal, in order to draw nearer to the Enemy, waited only for the coming up of the Regiment of Cavlus to attack them: But they pass'd the Caya the 28th of last Month, and the Guadiana the 29th, over the Bridge of Olivenca. The same Day the Marquis de Bay pass'd likewise the Guadiana by the Bridge of Badajoz, and went to encamp at Valverde, where he is separated from the Enemy only by the small River of Olivenca: The Duke of Offuna, who had almost demolish'd the Fortifications of Serpa and Moura, which were taken from the Portuguese, was to come and joyn him with the Troops he commands, in order to attack the Enemy; who, 'tis likely, will not wait for that Junction: But seeing they cannot retreat, but by filing over the Bridge of Olivenca, they will find it very difficult to do so, without exposing their Rear-Guard.

From the Camp at Gineftar, June 8. The Duke of Orleans having Advice that Count Staremberg had sent to Falcete, which is at least 5 Leagues from hence, 1200 Foot, 400 Horse, and 1200 Miquelets in 4 Regiments, resolv'd to endeavour to seize them. He disguis'd his Design with the Pretext of making a Forrage at Tibisa on the Right of Falcete, and of sending a Guard to meet a great Convoy of Provisions, that was coming down the Ebro. The first of this Month he detach'd 3000 Foot, and 800 Horse, under the command of M. Gaetano, Lieutenant-General of the Troops of Spain, with M. Ceylo, Marshal de Camp, the Marquis de Lambert Brigadier, and the Count de Gline, Brigadier likewise, and Captain of Grenadiers in the Walloon Guards, who distinguish'd himself in the Action. They march'd about 8 at Night by two different Routes, and notwithstanding the difficulty of the Roads, and that their Guides had led them out of the Way, they arriv'd at Falcete on the 2d, at 5 in the Morning: The Enemy, who had had no notice of their March till an Hour before, would have got away into the Mountain, but were so closely pursu'd and attack'd with so much Vigour, among others by Don Juan de Zarzeda, who was at the Head of the Detachment with 20 Horse, and who charging them in Places where it seem'd next to impossible for the Cavalry to get up, that the Enemy's Horse betook themselves to flight with all the speed they could make. They kill'd them between 4 and 500 Men, and took 600 Prisoners, with almost all the Officers to the Number of 33, among whom was one Collonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, one Major, and 12 Captains, one of whom died of his wounds. They took likewise all their Baggage and Ammunition, with above 500 Mules, and all this with no other Loss than of 15 Soldiers kill'd or wounded, and one Officer wounded slightly. The Duke of Orleans detach'd likewise the 1st of this Month Don Joseph Vallejo with 200 Horse to go towards Pareio, on the Road from Tortosa to Tarragona, where he had Information that the Enemy had got together all the Cattle of the Country near Tortosa, for the subsistance of the Garrison of that Place, in case it should be besieg'd. He march'd thither, beat the Guard, attack'd and defeated in the Mountains the Miquelets who oppos'd his Retreat, and brought to the Camp all the Cattle to the Number of 1000 Oxen, and 6000 Sheep, which by his Royal Highness's Orders were to be distributed among the Troops. The 6th the Duke of Orleans caus'd the Bridge to be taken down to give Passage to the Boats that are bringing the Artillery. The 7th the Count de Besons march'd with 3 Brigades of Foot and 4 Regiments of Dragoons, and encamp'd 2 Leagues from hence. The same Day 25 Soldiers deserted to us from a Post guarded by 50 Men, commanded by one Captain, one Lieutenant and one Ensign; and Don Joseph Vallejo took the rest: He seiz'd likewise the Troops that guarded some other small Posts: Insomuch that that Day only 130 Prisoners were brought to the Camp, and 70 Deserters came over to us; all of whom assur'd us that they were not paid, and that they had receiv'd but a Crown each Man since they arriv'd from Italy. The Duke of Orleans went this Morning at two a Clock to joyn the Count de Besons, who is to advance farther; and he will be follow'd to morrow by the rest of the Army.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated June 30.

Paris, June 25. Our last Letters from Madrid say, that the Duke of Offuna having demolish'd the Fortifications of Serpa and Moura, was march'd with the Body under his Command, and with the Garrisons of those 2 Places to joyn the Army of the Marquis de Bay, who 'tis yet believ'd will undertake the Siege of Olivenca. Letters from Saragossa of the 9th say, that 10 suspected Persons were taken up there, and sent Prisoners to the Citadel of Pampelona. The Duke of Orleans has caus'd the Ways to Tortosa to be repair'd, in order to besiege that Place, and has written to the King of Spain that he will undertake it, though he was doubtful of the success of that Enterprize. The Prince of Darmstad lay still encamp'd at San Georgio, and the Duke de Noailles not having been able to effect any thing against the Body of Forces commanded by that Prince is return'd back towards Roses, from whence he is to send some Troops to Provence. By Letters from Marseilles of the 10th Instant we have advice, that 18 more Battallions are sent to the Var, to dispute with the Duke of Savoy the Passage of that River, and that the Roads along the Col de Tende are made unpassable. Four new Battallions of Marines are raising at Toulon and Marseilles.

From the Paris Letter, dated June 25.

Our last Advices leave us no room to doubt but that the Siege of Tortosa will be undertaken; and 'tis now publickly said, that the Troops commanded by

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Br. de Belons, that were detach'd from the Army of the Duke of Orleans, have Orders to inveſt the Place. The Enemy, ſince the Loſs they ſuſtain'd at Falcete, are withdrawn farther off, and ſeem not to have any Intention to oppoſe his Royal Highneſs in that Enterprize. The ſame advices add, that the Archduke was come to Tarragona, to encourage the Troops by his Preſence, and that he had caus'd his Cavalry to advance towards Camboril, a ſmall Town on the Sea-Coaſt, about 3 Leagues from Tarragona. The Council of Spain has made an Agreement with a Company of Jubilado Men who have undertaken to furniſh the King's Armies with all the Proviſions they ſhall want, and their Contract is to begin the firſt of July. Marſhal Villars has ſent the Marquis of Chamerante towards Toulon with ſome Squadrons to joyn our Marines, whom M. de Belleſontaine has diſtributed in ſeveral Poſts along the Sea-Coaſt, to be in a readineſs to oppoſe the Deſigns with which the Enemy threaten us.

From the Paris Gazette, dated June 23.

Rome, May 26. We have advice by ſeveral Expreſſes from Ferrara that the Germans are enter'd into the Ferrarese, and in the Name of the Duke of Modena have poſſeſs'd themſelves of Comachio, and Magnava on the Sea-Coaſt, of Lago, Cevale, and Argenta ſituate on the moſt Southern Arm of the Po, as if they intended to block up and attack Ferrara. They expect more Troops from the Mantuan with 12 Pieces of battering Cannon and 2 Mortars. They have built Ovens at Cento in the Country of Bologna, and the Duke of Modena has ſent them a great Quantity of Meal, and Inſtruments to break up the Ground. Notwithſtanding the great ſurprize which this unexpected Attempt upon the Lands of the Church has caus'd in Italy, Cardinal Caſoni, Legate of Ferrara, is preparing to put himſelf in a Condition to hold out a Siege: He has put into the Citadel 3500 Men of regular Troops, and 5000 Militia into the Town.

From the Leid. and Amſt. Gazettes, dated June 29.

Ferrara, June 6. The Imperialiſts continuing to live at Diſcretion in this Dutchy, we are putting our ſelves in a poſture of Defence, as if we were on the point of being beſieg'd; though we hope all things will ſoon be brought to an Accommodation. The Imperialiſts ſtill keep the Governour of Comachio Priſoner, becauſe a Perſon who had the Emperour's Commiſſion was impriſon'd at Ravenna, and thence ſent to Rome, and declare they will treat the Governor in the ſame manner as that Priſoner is treated.

Ferrara June 13. Yeſterday 16 Companies of Foot and 8 of Horſe were ſent out to meet the heavy Cannon that was expected from Fort Urbino, and this Day they are return'd with it. The Imperialiſts have publiſh'd a Manifeſto, declaring the Reaſons they had to take Poſſeſſion of Comachio, and ſeveral other ſmall Places in the Ferrarese, and to oblige the Inhabitants to take an Oath of Fidelity. There is a Report that they would have poſſeſs'd themſelves of Volino, but were vigorouſly repuls'd by the Garriſon. Two Perſons are come hither from Avignon to command in Chief.

Rome. June 9. On Sunday laſt the Pope held a Congregation of Cardinals to conſult of Ways and Means to find out a Fund to pay the Troops he is raiſing. 'Tis pretended theſe new Levies will amount to 20000 Men, and they are to be compleat in September next, that they may be ready to ſerve with 10000 other Troops, as well Regular as Militia, which the Pope has already on Foot. The Princes Borgheſe and Pamphilio have offer'd each of them to the Pope 100000 Ducats towards this extraordinary Expence; and 'tis hop'd that other Perſons of Quality will follow their Example. A great Number of Saddles, Bridles, Bayonets, Swords, &c. are making here with all Expedition for the new Levies, and M. Gripoldi, who is appointed to be Commiſſary-General of them, is on his departure for Faenza, of which Town he is to make a Place of Arms. The Imperial General in the Ferrarese being inform'd that the Poſt-Maſter of Ravenna was taken up on ſuſpition of holding Intelligence with him, has ſent to acquaint Cardinal Caſoni, that unleſs he ſet him at Liberty, he will in 12 Days time ſend 2000 Horſe into the Ravenneze, to live there at diſcretion.

Hague, June 29. 'The Army of Prince Eugene 'of Savoy, who is now at Coblentz is to paſs the 'the Moſelle to Day or to Morrow, at Alcken, to 'march towards the Maeſe. There is no Ground 'to doubt, that the Troops which are to compoſe 'that Army are all come to their Rendezvous; we 'having certain Advice that the Palatine Troops are 'all on the March thither, his Electoral Highneſs 'having had Aſſurance given him that the Affair of 'conferring on him the Inveſtiture of the Upper-'Palatinate, will forthwith be terminated at Vienna 'to his intire Satisfaction. Three Days ago arriv'd 'a Courier, who left Genoa the 15th, with Diſ-'patches from the Court of his Catholick Majeſty 'and from Admiral Leake. That Admiral with his Fleet 'came before Genoa the 8th, and Part of that Fleet 'have ſince put into the Bay of Final, and others are 'at Vado where 'tis ſuppos'd the Horſe are to be em-'bark'd. We have receiv'd a Confirmation of that 'Admiral's taking 70 of the Enemies Barks bound 'from Agde for Peniſcola with Stores for the Army 'of the Duke of Orleans; and 'tis hop'd this Diſ-'appointment will oblige that Prince to retire to-'wards Lerida the better to ſubſiſt his Troops: This 'would be a great Advantage to the Allies, becauſe 'then the Duke de Noailles would alſo retire, and 'in Conſequence the Prince of Darmſtad might rein-'force General Staremberg, whoſe Thoughts are all 'bent upon making the beſt Uſe of the Enemy's 'Diſappointment; from which we might raiſe the 'greateſt Expectations, were the Forces which will 'not be tranſported from Italy till the End of this 'Month, now already in Catalonia. While Sir John 'Leake was at Barcelona, his Catholick Majeſty com-'municated to him his Deſigns for the Operations 'which he judges to be indiſpenſibly neceſſary for the 'Service of the common Cauſe this Campaign; and 'Sir John very readily conſented to leave at Barce-'lona 7 Men of War, to cruiſe in that Sea, not 'only for the Security of his Catholick Majeſty, but 'likewiſe to hinder the Enemy's tranſporting any 'more Stores for the Uſe of their Forces. For the 'reſt of his Catholick Majeſty's Projects for the ge-'neral Cauſe, 'tis ſaid here the States are ready to 'concurr in them; but 'tis not yet eaſy to ſay in 'what Manner they will ſatisfy his Deſire, in par-'ticular, that their High Mightyneſſes Troops there 'be compleated to their own Eſtabliſhment of be-'tween 3 and 4000 Men, from 1500 to which they 'are at this Time diminiſh'd.

London, June 23.

Sir James Wiſhart kiſs'd the Queen's Hand on Monday Night, upon his being appointed one of the Prince's Council.

Captain Fairfax is alſo appointed to be of the Prince's Council in the Affairs of the Admiralty.

And Sir Stafford Fairborn is made Admiral of the White Squadron.

The Lord Belhaven died on Monday Night, of an Apoplexy.

By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday, the 24th of June, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Feign'd Innocence; or, Sir Martin Mar-all. The parts of Sir Martin by Mr. Bullock, Sir John Swallow by Mr. Mills, Warner by Mr. Booth, Lord Dartmouth by Mr. Corey, Old Moody by Mr. Johnſon, Landlord by Mr Croſs, Lady Dupee by Mrs. Powell, Milliſent by Mrs. Porter, Roſe by Mrs. Bradſhaw, and Mrs. Chriſtian by Mrs. Norris.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-Houſe, Temple-Bar.

To be Sold by Inch of Candle, on Monday next the 28th Inſtant, at 3 in the Afternoon, all ſorts of Houſehold-Goods belonging to the Thatch-Houſe, late a Tavern, near St. James's. The Goods to be ſeen on Saturday next and Monday to the Time of Sale.

Any Perſon that is deſirous to go to the Bath, may be furniſh'd with a Coach and Six able Horſes very reaſonable, they being to go down for a Perſon of Quality, ſets out from London on Monday the 28th Inſtant. Enquire at Mr. Goſlins at the George in German-ſtreet near St. James's Church, or at Mr. Robinſon's at the Nag's-Head in Hedge-Lane.

Over againſt the Globe Tavern in the Strand near Charing-Croſs, this Day is to be Sold all ſorts of Houſehold-Goods, a Velvet Bed and Chairs, a Damask Bed and Chairs, a Mohair Bed and Looking-Glaſſes and Sconces, &c. Field-Beds of ſeveral ſorts, Tents of ſeveral ſorts. The Sale to continue till all is ſold.

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